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NEWS RELEASE

FROM: THE CHIEF SECRETARY (MR. SHARD)

SUBJECT: NEW WESTERN COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

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Plans for a new three-storey hospital at Henley Beach were announced today by the Chief Secretary (Mr. Shard).

He said a \$1.6m. contract had been awarded to Fricker Bros. Pty. Limited for construction of the new Western Community Hospital.

It would be built at the corner of Cudmore Tce. and Margaret St., Henley Beach.

Mr. Shard said the cost of constructing the hospital would be subsidised by the State Government.

He said the ground floor would provide extensive bedding accommodation, a nursery, twin delivery and antenatal rooms, twin theatres and recovery beds, X-ray and outpatients rooms, an administrations block and a services block.

The first floor, for general and surgical patients, would be equipped with 2-4 bed wards, 12-2 bed share rooms and seven private rooms.

The external walls of the second floor would be constructed to allow a second stage of development. This would accommodate 39 patients, Mr. Shard said.

He said it was hoped that the existing Western Community Hospital would be developed into a nursing home.